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East Greenwich man is sentenced for tax fraud

A federal judge today sentenced **Bernard Carbone**, 52, of East Greenwich, to six months in prison and five months home confinement for filing false income tax returns.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente and Eileen J. O'Connor, Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice Tax Division, announced the sentence, which U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith imposed in U.S. District Court, Providence. Judge Smith also fined Carbone \$2,000.

Following his incarceration, Carbone, of 90 Ann Drive, will be on supervised release for one year. As a condition of his supervised release, he will have to pay the government the taxes he avoided through the false returns, estimated to be in excess of \$40,000, plus interest and penalties. He will also have to perform 20 hours of plumbing work each week as community service.

In August, Carbone pleaded guilty to two counts of filing false returns. At the plea hearing, Timothy D. Belevetz, a trial attorney with the Tax Division, said that the government could prove that Carbone's personal income tax returns for 1996 and 1997 understated the gross receipts of his plumbing business, B. Carbone & Sons.

Carbone admitted that he filed a 1996 income tax return that failed to report \$383,005, approximately 74% of his gross receipts for that year. He also admitted

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filing a 1997 income tax return that failed to report \$459,729, about 81% of his gross receipts for that year.

Carbone has to report to prison on December 20.

The **Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations** investigated the case. Mr. Belevetz and Tax Division Trial Attorney John P. McAdams prosecuted it.

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